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Windmill to power Lomond

By Christina Anders

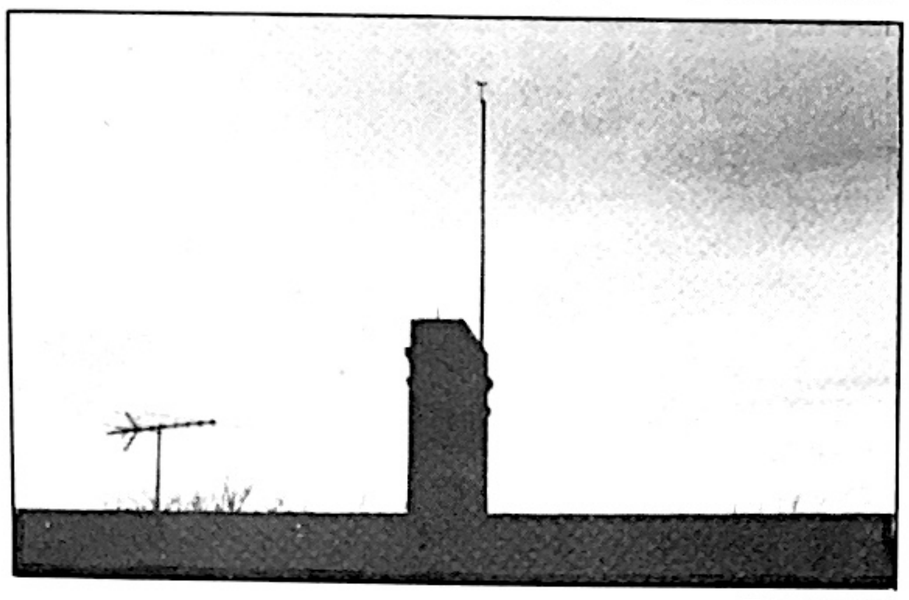
A windmill is now being constructed to provide energy for Lomond School.

According to Mr. Andie Guthrie, PTA Vice President of Programs, the main goal of the windmill to be built on top of Lomond Elementary School is "to teach the children at Lomond," as well as the other students of Shaker Heights, "that other energies work." Mr. Guthrie firmly believes the windmill will be a part of the community and will help to save money by using an alternate energy supply.

The windmill, to be built within the next 12 months, was designed by Mr. Irwin Friedman of Cuyahoga County. The windmill was chosen because it does not interfere with television or F.M. reception, it is quieter, and it is cheaper to build than other model windmills. When completed, the windmill will produce roughly 20 percent of the electricity needed by the school.

The design classifies it as a vertical-axis sailwing windmill whose motor is constructed with automotive parts. The four wings are 20-feet high, self configurating dacron sails.

The Lomond PTA is currently using a $1,200 grant from the Ohio Department of Education to develop the program instructing children on alternate energy sources. Although the PTA is seeking grants from local and national foundations to cover the remaining $15,000 tab, it needs donations of scrap aluminum for its recycling drive. According to Mr. Guthrie any aluminum products, like beer or soda cans, will help the fundraising. The donations may be left at Lomond School any weekday during school hours, and every second and fourth Saturday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.



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A windmill will soon help to power Lomond.

Over-the-phone counselling available to teenagers

By Barb Kancelbaum

The following are phone numbers through which teenagers can receive over-the-phone counselling or information as to where they can get counselling at any time of day or night. *All numbers have been tested and have several lines so that a busy signal is highly unlikely, and all numbers lead to the most helpful people in their designated area.*

The Child Abuse 24-Hour Hotline ... 696-5437 ... will talk to young people or adults who are experiencing or witnessing child abuse. The service will allow callers to remain anonymous but also has the authority to remove a person from a dangerous situation without the parents finding out who placed the report.

The Suicide Prevention Center ... 229-4545 ... will evaluate any situation over the phone and will counsel over the phone 24 hours a day. While the center will not make home visits, it will contact the families of identified people and will follow up every possible call. This number should be used by people trying to help a suicidal person, as well as suicidal people themselves.

Safe Space ... 421-2000 ... offers a 24-hour hotline as well as temporary shelter for teenage runaways. Safe Space will counsel and will try to place young people in foster homes if reconciliation with their families is impossible.

The Rape Crisis Center ... 391-3912 ... operates a 24-hour hotline and a shelter for women who have been raped. The center will provide counselling and will make sure the woman receives proper medical and legal care.

The RapArt Center ... 932-9497 ... provides free counselling over the phone or at the Center (13429 Cedar Road) during the day for just about anything a teenager would need to discuss. Drug abuse, sexuality, and family difficulties are among the many problems addressed.

The Cleveland Free Clinic ... 721-4010 ... will also address any emotional or medical problem and will provide over-the-phone counselling for those unable to go to the Clinic. The above telephone number serves as an all-night hotline.

The V.D. Hotline Operation Venus ... 1-800-227-8922 ... is a toll-free phone call to Palo Alto, California. The service will answer any questions concerning V.D. and, through a computer, can tell the caller where the nearest treatment center is.

The Crisis Intervention Team ... 229-2211 ... operates a county-wide telephone number for psychiatric emergencies. These people will counsel over the phone or will provide a more appropriate number, depending on the situation, 24 hours a day.

Administrators, teachers evaluate tenure policy

By Susan Glaser and Barb Kancelbaum

"Tenure is good for a stable school system, while offering long term security for teachers," stated Mr. Richard Vlah, Shaker unit principal, offering the positive side to a controversial topic. He added, "It encourages teachers to stay in the system, and few abuse it."

Tenure is a protective device granted to teachers in the Shaker School System after three years of teaching under constant evaluation. If the teacher is decided to be unqualified to continue, he is not asked to return the following year. Tenure is a state requirement, enforced by the Teachers' Union; however, the Shaker System requires the teacher to complete 18 credit hours toward his Master's degree before granting him tenure in addition to the state requirements. With tenure, a teacher cannot be removed from the system by the administration without proof of incompetence.

The majority of teachers and administrators interviewed seemed to favor the protection teachers enjoy under tenure, but they oppose the difficulty in removing a tenured teacher from the system and the possibility that those who evaluate the teachers are unqualified for that task.

Taking an opposite standpoint from Vlah is Mr. Terry Pollack, Shaker history teacher, who stated, "Tenure downgrades teaching." He added most teachers fear the reaction of administrators toward teaching their own personal views on a subject; yet, most professionals face the same risks by expressing themselves in opposition to their superiors. "Tenure is not a good reward for excellence. Elimination of tenure might create more energy in the classroom because every teacher would be required to be alert and competent," he concluded.

According to Mr. Fred Mosier, Instrumental director at Shaker, "The biggest problem with tenure is that the evaluators often lack knowledge in the subject." He expressed that it should not be expected that administrators with no experience teaching a subject have the power to control the staff who do teach it.

Byron Junior High Assistant Principal William Jarvie commented, "Tenure avoids teachers being terminated because of personality conflicts with administrators."

It seems that today, tenure is not necessary for some of the purposes for which it was originated. *Said Dr. Jack P. Taylor, Superintendent of Shaker Schools, "Tenure was necessary during the depression to protect teachers of minority political persuasions from differing administration. It doesn't seem as necessary now because of greater political acceptance and strong protective teacher unions."*

Chanticleers sing in season

This winter, the Chanticleers, a select division of the A Cappella Choir, comprised of juniors and seniors, have presented a host of performances at various locations in the Cleveland area.

Beginning with an appearance at Shaker Square to welcome in the season, the Chanticleers have sung at the Society for the Blind, Heights Christian Church, Beachwood Place, and Severance Center, as well as at several hospitals and annual events.

The Chanticleers will wrap up their winter performances with an appearance at Higbees Randall Mall on Dec. 19 from 2-3 p.m.

Junior Achievers succeed at Shaker

By Sonja Moore

Junior Achievement, a national organization dedicated to teaching students the ins and outs of business, is well underway this season.

Each Wednesday interested students in this district meet at Woodbury Jr. High to try their hand at managing and operating a business. This entails researching a product: determining the cost of the materials that go in it, and the most efficient method of producing it; producing the product; and marketing the product, which may include selling door-to-door or setting up booths in malls and shopping centers.

The initial money used for equipment comes from the shares of stock the company members sell at the beginning of the fiscal year. If the company is successful, the shareholder will reap a profit. However, money must be paid to the company members first, which is approximately 40 cents an hour, two hours a week. Officers are paid on a salary that is determined by the group.

Heidi Turner, Shaker junior, vice president of personnel and corporate secretary, says, "It's a lot of fun; you meet lots of people. It's hard work, so you have to really want to do it." In addition to the personal fulfillment they get, in the spring, officers are eligible for a number of awards for their acquired knowledge of business, when the companies liquidate their assets.

In addition to Heidi Turner, other office-holders are Kimberly Crawford, Vice President of Finance; Carlos Martin, Vice President of Production; and Albert Bell III, Vice President of Marketing.

Coming soon: History Day

By Lynnette Henderson

Each year Shaker students participate in the National History Day Contest held in May. This year's theme is "Trade And Industry In History" and concerns the manufacture and trade of goods in society.

Students may submit either historical papers of either 1000 or 2500 words or individual or group projects that can be in the form of a map chart or model; or they may demonstrate live performances that must be limited to ten minutes in length. Students may also give individual or group media presentations, which are slide, motion picture or video tape productions. However, students may only submit one entry.

The contest is judged on district, state and national levels by professors of history at colleges and universities, social studies teachers, as well as members of the community. Judges base their decisions on the quality of presentation, historical quality, and adherence to the theme and the rules.

Last year Shaker students won in seven categories, including first place in the state in papers and projects. This year, Mr. Terry Pollack and Mr. Marvin Dress, history teachers, are in charge and can be contacted for more information.

Students commended for composition

By Jane Kaufman

Of four students nominated by their English teachers to participate in the national Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing Program, three were honored with certificates of commendation. The three finalists were Robert Kowal, Virginia Landgraf, and Lisa Stevens.

Two essays were submitted to the N.C.T.E. for judgment. One was a polished work of writing; the other was an impromptu response to an essay question.

The essays were judged by two English teachers: a high school English teacher and a college English professor. In order for an entrant to have been a finalist, the two judges' confidential ratings must have been in agreement.

Head of the English department, Robert Hanson, commented, "Even if not successful, the students selected from Shaker Heights High School are honored since they are selected as four of the most promising writers in a class of approximately five hundred."

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Commended students, from left: Virginia Landgraf, Robert Kowal, and Lisa Stevens discuss their winning compositions.

OPINION

What's the deal in Washington?

by Robert Kowal

Recently, **The Shakerite** published an opinion entitled "Watt's the Deal in the National Parks?" an article examining the problems of placing James Watt as Secretary of the Interior. Well, it is time to come out of the woodwork and find out what's the deal in Washington, for the Reagan Administration over the past several months has made several bungles and has contradicted itself repeatedly.

The most recent example of Administration error involves Richard Allen. Allen apparently committed wrongdoings in dealing with Japan (for which he is under investigation), and received a gift of $1000 which he "forgot" about for eight months. The David Stockman incident is another example of inconsistency in the national policy. As the recent joke goes, Stockman is like the Titanic; they both went down in the **Atlantic**; but his incident is no laughing matter. He essentially revealed that Reaganomics was designed to serve the rich.

Although the Stockman incident was soon forgotten by most (as will be the Allen affair), it raised some serious questions as to the path of Reaganomics. Reagan pledges support to the poor, but he passes a tax cut that benefits those of the over $50,000 income bracket. He then contemplates an excise tax which would again hurt the poor. To save government money, he wants to cut Medicare and the school lunch program, but he spends hundreds of thousands to vacation in California. Although making a good point about the exhorbitant budget, Reagan was ready to fire 400,000 government workers; however, he is willing to install a White House hair dresser and buy new China place-settings, of which the White House already has 1000. (It all adds up!) He wants to cut the CPSC under the premise of caviat emptor but hopes to waste hundreds of billions on countless defense projects.

Well, what is the deal in Washington? On the one hand, Reagan has some very good goals and ideas for the nation. However, when he plays his cards, he cannot seem to come up with two of a kind.

Opinions of the Big RR

As a change from the more traditional articles, the Editorial Staff decided to print a story made up of entirely student responses to contemporary problems. The following are the opinions of Shakerites concerning Ronald Reagan:

Sam Diener: Ronald Reagan is a dangerous proponent of Newspeak. He wants peace through war, a balanced budget by deficit increases, and government out of our lives through the destruction of civil liberties.

Ginny Landgraf: Reagan is trying very hard to achieve a much needed reversal of the trend toward more government spending and less individual freedom.

Anonymous: Ex-actor turned semi-fascist Republican politician with no foreign policy and a domestic policy which is unemploying thousands and lowering the standard of living under the guise of eventual nirvana.

Eleanor Nagy: Reagan is doing what the people elected him overwhelmingly to do: cut the role of federal government in our lives. He is a doing a very good job. People should not be complaining about reduced services or less money coming to them, for that is what the government is supposed to do.

Alex Nagy: Ronald Reagan is an economic gambler; the stakes are high. He asserts U.S. authority abroad, which could restore respect from both allies and enemies. I think that he will come out on top.

Stephen Hulburt: A forceful leader with absurd ideas.

Alex Miron: F.D.R. II

Anonymous: He wants to increase the defense budget - but we can already blow up the world many times over. He wants to cut the incomes of the people who already live without enough food to eat. I think he's insane.

STUDENT RESPONSE

Ask Jake

Video vicarious visions

Dear Jake,

As you know, the holidays have arrived and it's time to buy that special gift. I had the perfect one in mind--a home video set. But I couldn't decide between the Atari brand and the Mattel brand. What's your advice?

Signed,
Video Dreams

Dear V.D.,

I recently had the opportunity to compare Atari Home Video Games with Mattel's Intellivision. While the Atari was very innovative, fun, and easy to play, I found Intellivision to be more sophisticated, closer to the real thing, and more in focus to the demands of the teen-age-home-video-game-addict. And even *though Atari costs a lot less, play for play, Missile for missile, and disc for joy-stick, Intellivision gives you more for your money. Try it and see for yourself.*

Jake

Dear Jake,

I'm worried that when I buy my home video-game set, in a year or even less, it will become outdated and will not be used by my children. And, times being what they are, I don't have half a grand to spend on every holiday season. Jake, what's your opinion?

Signed,
Zenith of Worrying

Dear Zenith,

As our society continues to make strides in the field of technology, there will always be, in a matter of time, a better version than the one you already have. By early next year, chances are that Intellivision will be considered primitive when compared to some newer games. So, the buyer of any electronic device, especially a video home game, is bound to become disgusted with the soon-to-be "old-fashionedness" of his game and in all probability, his once cherished toy will become a dust collector.

Thus, dear friend, my final advice is this: if you're willing to dish out the $500 for a home video set and are content with the vicariousness of the whole system, then go ahead and do it. And hope that the game stays new enough on the market that your own interest will not disappear too soon.

Jake

Sociologists solve parking problem

Dear Shakerite,

The following letter is coming from Mr. Wiehe's sixth period Sociology class:

We read your recent editorial on the parking mess at Shaker High School. We had a class discussion, and we came up with some workable solutions to the problem.

The first solution is to have angle parking along the curb around the oval. This would allow for more parking. The sidewalks would have to be removed, but this would matter little to students who drive to school.

Our second solution is to place under the football field a three-floor underground parking garage. There would be high-speed elevators to bring students to the surface. Students would pay $3 a week for the use of this parking facility.

Our third idea is to cover the boys' practice field area and the girls' field hockey area with astro-turf. During the school day, parking lines could be used by the students who drove to school and needed a place to park, and after school there would be football and field hockey lines on the astro-turf for the use of these teams.

Our next solution was considered because it was felt that if implemented, and it it did not solve the parking mess, it would certainly produce quick results for another solution. Our idea is to have open lots for both faculty and students-first-come first-park. Along with this play is the additional parking by late-comers on the front yards of the neighbors. We felt that would definitely lead to some action for a better solution.

Finally the class agreed that the best solution would be to tear down the high school and make the entire oval a parking lot. This solution would allow for the greatest number of spaces and at the same time produce no need for them.

We hope that your editorial staff will consider these solutions.

Respectfully,
Mr. Wiehe's Sixth Period Class

The Editorial Staff of **The Shakerite** wishes to thank Mr. Wiehe's Sixth Period students for their comments. Their views on this subject became more than evident to us. We would like to encourage all students and faculty members to also express their views on any matter of importance to them.

OPINION

Student responsibility a must

by Doug Miller

Shaker Heights High School is plagued with the crimes of theft and vandalism. Such problems as locker break-ins and theft are presently infrequent; however, as the year progresses, and as people become comfortable with certain routines, these areas of trouble are opened to serious increase.

The problem is not due to a lack of concern or action on the part of the administration. Security guards are assigned to patrol the hallways throughout the day. The number of officers is not large enough to prevent them from being obtrusive and interfering with daily activity during school hours. Consequently, it is not possible to have every area of the school patrolled at the same time. It is therefore necessary for students to assume responsibility for careless action.

Students frequently leave opened or unlocked lockers unattended. Expensive items such as calculators, watches, and jewelry, as well as cash, that are left in lockers attract unwanted attention that often results in thefts.

These problems can be alleviated by the students. Expensive personal items should not be left in lockers, but rather should be carried in a purse or pocket. Musical instruments or other such items which are not easily carried should be kept in the school office. Students should not publicize possession of expensive items brought to school.

It is not necessary for the majority of students to be intimidated by the disrespectful actions of a small minority of persons. If students comply to these few suggestions, a large percentage of the problem will be avoided.

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NAVY, IT'S NOT JUST A JOB, IT'S AN ADVENTURE.

Unexplained phenomena explained

Who's afraid of black cats and ladders?

by Meg Russell

In a recent survey given by The Shakerite, Shaker students and teachers were found to be somewhat divided over the subject of superstition.

When asked, "Are you superstitious?" a whopping 93 percent of the polled sophomore girls replied "yes." Least likely to be superstitious are senior boys, who were affirmative only 14 percent of the time. One senior, Bob Frey, enthusiastically commented, "Superstition is for sophomores!"

In general, most superstitions are not banal to the Shaker High population. The superstition with the most credence was bad luck on Friday the thirteenth with 31 percent. Second runner-up was opening an umbrella indoors at 15 percent.

When asked about her reaction to black cats, junior Connie Swenson replied, "If I saw a black cat, I'd shoot it." Senior Doug Hicks, the most unsuperstitious surveyee, exclaimed, "I was born on Friday the thirteenth, and look ... nothing happened to me!" One highly placed administrator confidentially admitted, "My wife reads my horoscope to me every morning while I'm shaving. And I'm supposed to take it seriously?" He shares his views with 31 percent of the polled students who simply don't believe.

The questions in the superstition poll and their results were:

1) Are you superstitious? Yes - 36 percent-No - 64 percent

2) How often do you read your horoscope? Daily - 26 percent-Weekly - 17 percent-Twice a week - 12 percent-Monthly - 11 percent-Once a year - 2 percent-Never - 32 percent

3) Which of these phrases describes how seriously you take it? Won't leave home without it - 9 percent-It has some degree of bearing - 15 percent-Man, what a joke! - 76 percent.

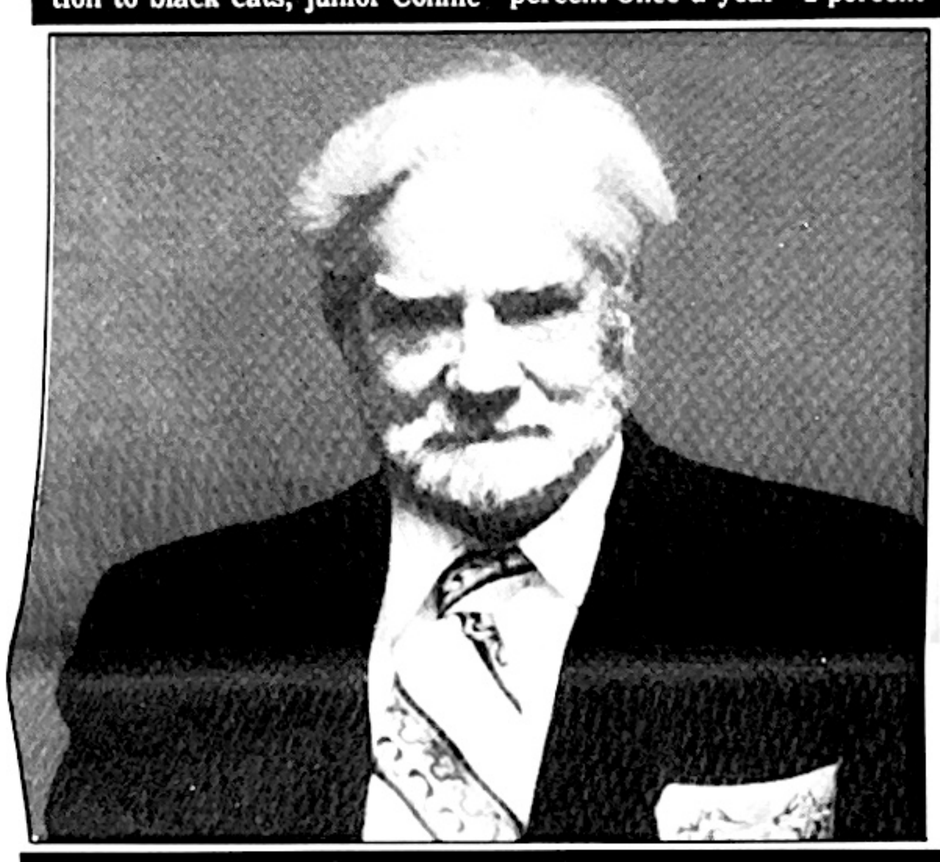
4) Do you avoid black cats and walking under ladders? Cats: Yes - 68 percent-No - 32 percent Ladders: Yes - 71 percent-No - 29 percent

5) How upset would you be if you broke a mirror? See you in seven years! - 7 percent-Slightly miffed - 53 percent-Indifferent - 40 percent

6) Which of these superstitions do you take seriously? Friday the 13th - 31 percent - Umbrellas - 15 percent - Knocking on wood - 7 percent - Black cats - 6 percent - Crossing English teacher's path - 9 percent - No superstitions at all - 34 percent (These are percentages for affirmative replies)

7) If you had to choose between taking a test on Thursday the 12th or Friday the 13th, which would be your choice? Thursday 12th - 54 percent - Friday 13th - 46 percent.

"Do I believe in superstition? No Sir, not me!"



Dr. John Manolesco, astrologer and talk show host, explains various theories of astrology.

Manolesco on Astrology

by Dan Tinianow

"Today is an excellent day for financial advancement. Meet with influential friends for advice."

This is how a typical daily horoscope might read for any sign, any day. Dr. John Manolesco, a well known and respected astrologer, as well as a talk-show host on WERE-1300, views such horoscopes as nonsense. He states that any one astrological sign has hundreds of characteristics. Someone writing a daily horoscope pieces together these characteristics at random, making little sayings and verses from them. Dr. Manolesco refers to this as "Pop astrology." This type of astrology has no real validity to it, according to Dr. Manolesco, but it is popular because the random horoscopes produce results which seem to agree with the predictions up to 50 percent of the time.

True astrology differs from "Pop astrology" in that it deals with a specific birthdate. It takes into account the year, the month, the day and the exact time of birth. An astrologer will use this information to set up a chart of the heavens, which amounts to a copy of the sky at that particular time, and, by noting the positions of the sun and the planets, as well as the location of distant constellations, the astrologer casts the individual's horoscope.

"The underlying axiom would be the famous saying that 'As above, so below,' which is a cabalistic dictum (mystical philosophy)," says Dr. Manolesco, "meaning, in effect, what's in the macrocosm is in the microcosm." This is, essentially, a correlation between the universe and the individual.

It is this basis that everything that is "out there" in the universe is somehow reflected, by sympathy, in a smaller universe; that is the old theory of astrology.

Modern astrologists seem to cling to more casual theories. They try to find a cause for the impact of the stars upon the human biology. One example of a commonly cited cause is sun-cycles. Modern astronomy has proved that our sun goes through a regular phase over a period of years. Solar flares, sun storms, sun spots, and so on, have been found to affect the nervous system.

There are other factors, such as the effect of cosmic radiation, which are often cited by modern astrologers. Dr. Manolesco feels, however, that astrology is an intuitive science.

"An intuitive science is very much the individual gift of a person to be able to zero in on some aids in order to have a psychic awareness of what is going on around him," Dr. Manolesco explained.

Dr. Manolesco emphasizes that astrology is a matter of interpretation. Although he acknowledges that there are basic "formulas" for astrology, Dr. Manolesco feels that interpreting an answer requires taking many factors into account.

Do you believe in superstitions?

by Danny Warshay

For as long as man has existed, he has attempted to explain the world around him. Seemingly unexplainable occurrences were often attributed to mysterious forces which could be controlled if one had the power to do so. Such beliefs, many of which still exist, are called superstitions.

There are various forms of superstitions ranging from the influence of one's name to the effects of the moon and the stars. The belief that nature affects human conduct in mysterious ways is called Sympathetic Magic. Those who believe in this form will always stir batter in the direction the sun moves and will expect bad luck if they fail to do so. The most widely known form of superstition is astrology-the belief that the mere position of the celestial bodies can influence human life. Babylonians refered to planets by names of their gods. If a child were born under the planet Mars, the god of war, he would be destined to have a violent personality. The superstition concerning magic words and names is also widely known. Originally, magic words were uttered to summon protective and healing spirits. The word "Abracadabra," currently associated with magicians, was originally uttered to ward off sickness. Other words such as "Open Sesame," or "Alacazam" were also believed to possess magical qualities. Names are further examples of word superstitions. Many people do not give a child the name of a living relative for fear the relative will die. There are also holy names which may never be spoken by members of certain religions.

In one way or another, superstition touches just about everyone. If we avoid walking under a ladder or opening an umbrella indoors, or if we even check our horoscope occasionally, we are being a little superstitious.

In search of a psychic

by Sallie Fine

The decision to do a theme page on the occult gave me the opportunity to do what I've always wanted to do - get my palm read. So, on Nov. 27, I went downtown with my photographer, Sheila Wester, in tow, in search of a psychic.

First stop was Madame Olga, located on 4th Street in between Prospect and High. Neither of us had ever been in this area before, and we were asking the million dollar question, "What are two nice girls from Shaker doing in a place like this?"

Madame Olga's place was vacant and after waiting a few minutes, Sheila and I began to leave. As we were turning around, a young man about high school age called after us to wait for him. He gave me a printed business card advertising for Sister Patricia, Psychic Reader. The card was good for one dollar off of a palm reading - a bargain I couldn't resist!

The young man had strange advice for us. He told us not to go as it was "a ripoff." When I asked if Sister Patricia was a rip-off in particular, or if all palmists were, he replied vehemently, "They'll all rip you off. They're all Greeks, and all the Greeks are the same." When he found out I was a reporter, he changed his tune and suggested I go after my story without revealing my purpose, and that I warn the public of these frauds.

Sheila and I took what was hopefully our last walk down Prospect Ave. to reach Sister Patricia. After we waited for the great psychic to finish her lunch, she was ready to give me my reading. Please note that her office was nothing but a room with a couch and a couple of chairs. Of course, there was the curtained-off corner into which she hurriedly ushered me. The "room" was covered with pictures of Jesus Christ and smelled from incense. In between two pictures of Jesus was a placque listing prices; one palm, $3; two palms, $5; Tarot Cards $10, and so on.

Being the big spender that I am and seeing as it was covered in The Shakerite's budget, I asked for one palm and the tarot cards. Sister Patricia wanted the cash up front but said it in a tactful manner "Put the money in your palm and make a wish." Without wasting a moment, she tucked the money away in a giant Bible.

Within five minutes I knew I was going to live to be 85 years old, and mine will be a prosperous and happy life. My parents, too, will live a long time. I found out that the man in my life is in love with another woman, but fear not! He will come back to me.

Of course, I laugh now, but if I do make it to 85, I'll thank Sister Pat for the advance warning!

WESTER

Sallie Fine and Sheila Wester began their search here at Madame Olga's.

Poetry, play highlight Shaker stage

Ashley Bryan: 'Uhh-HUH!'

by Sallie Fine

Through a grant from the Louise Brown Foundation, the Cuyahoga County Public Library sponsored the Storytelling Sampler. During this special event, Ashley Bryan, author, illustrator, and teacher of art at Dartmouth College, performed.

Mr. Bryan performed here at Shaker during a PUSH-EXCEL assembly. As an African story teller, he tells the stories in his own way. Mr. Bryan feels that the spirit in the voice one uses in song should carry into storytelling, "Poetry, like song, is meant to be heard," he says. Bryan has been working with the sounds of poetry since his days in elementry school.

Bryan, a graduate of Cooper Union and Columbia, first started illustrating books in 1964. Some years later he began having his own books published. While commenting on his style, Bryan told his Shaker audience, "The way I illustrate a text varies with the story."

According to Ashley Bryan, his inspiration has come from Black American poets. During his performance at Shaker, Bryan read the work of such poets as Paul Laurence Dunbar, Nicki Giovanni, and Gwendolyn Brooks.

For the past 25 years, Ashley Bryan has spent his summers on an island around Maine, where much of his art work is created. He lives in Hanover, New Hampshire, during the winter months, teaching at Dartmouth. He has also taught at Queens College and Lafayette College. His courses deal with Black American poets and the removal of his parents to Antigua several years ago. Bryan has a knack for teaching, and he especially enjoys working with children under the age of 12.

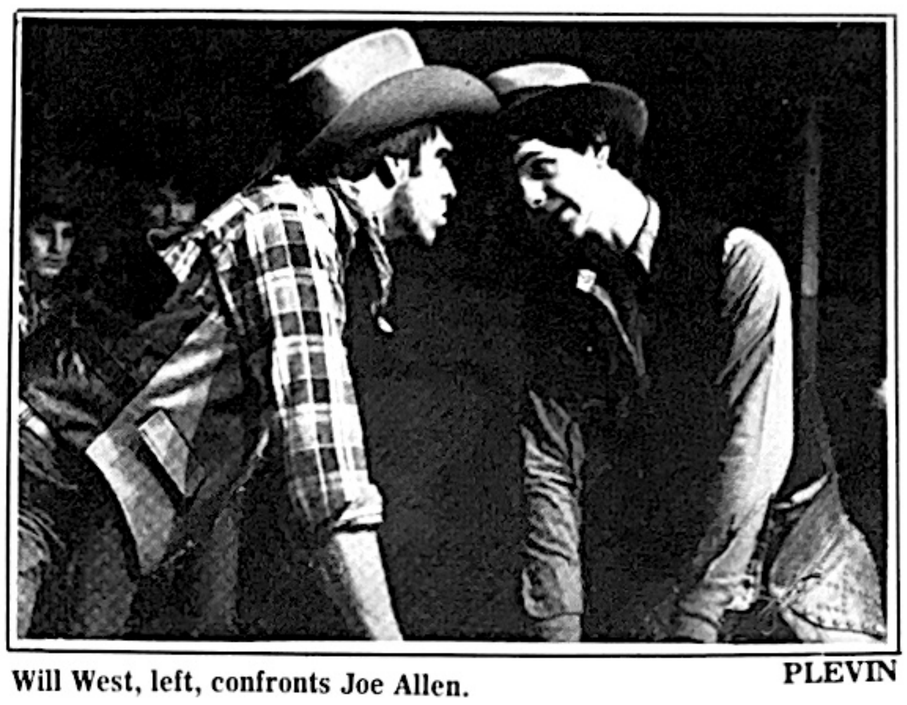
When looking for his work, you will come across the following titles: **The Ox and the Wonderful Horns and Other African Stories; Walk Together Children; The Story of Aku; The Dancing Granny;** and **Beat the Story Drum, Pum-Pum.** He has also illustrated and edited **I Greet the Dawn,** a collection of poems by Paul Laurence Dunbar. Bryan also illustrated Susan Cooper's **Jethro and the Jumbie.** With the exception of **I Greet the Dawn,** all of the above mentioned titles can be found among the books for children.

Gopher Gulchers doggone good

by Dan Tinianow

Well folks, a bit of the old west was here at Shaker in the form of **The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch.** Now, you are probably askin' yerself, "What in tarnation is a 'Sneaky Fitch'?" The answer is simple: Sneaky Fitch is a character in the Drama Department's first play of the 1981-'82 school year.

The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch was presented Dec. 3-5 in the large auditorium. The play was a parody of the typical 'old west' story.



Will West, left, confronts Joe Allen. PLEVIN

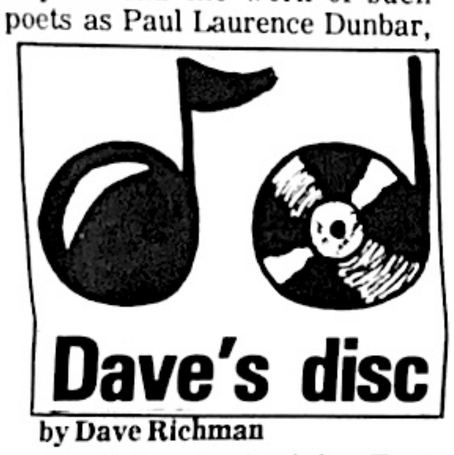
In Act I, the audience learns who the good townspeople are. There is the local undertaker, Mervyn Vale (played by James Levy); Mrs. Vale (Zina Williams); the good Reverend Blackwood (Andrew Pollis); his wife (Sue Goldman); Maroon, the saloon girl (Joanna Milter); the kind-hearted, but somehwat inebriated Doc Burch (Seth Levy); the sheriff, Jack Oglesby (Will West); the deadly quick-draw expert, Rackham (Warren Burke); and, of course, that low-down, no-good, yellow-bellied son-of-a-prairie dog, Sneaky Fitch (Joe Allen). The other members of the Gopher Gulch community are played by Jim Walton, John Mulryan, Russell Shulman, Valencia Wilson, Pamela Little, Paul Davis, and Tom Sundheim.

Sneaky Fitch, being the town coward and, even worse, an easterner (He came out west from New Jersey about 50 years ago), is not very well liked by the residents of Gopher Gulch. It is no surprise that when Sneaky dies, the townspeople use the opportunity to celebrate, despite Reverend Blackwood's demands for just a little respect. It is also no surprise that they are quite shocked when Sneaky sits up in his coffin and demands to know who stole his burying suit right in the middle of his funeral.

Sneaky's mysterious second life scares the town folk so much that Sneaky is allowed to get away with anything, such as stealing the sheriff's girl, Maroon, killing the sheriff, humiliating Rackham before the entire town and taking over the whole of Gopher Gulch.

The play was accompanied by the marvelous narration of Jennifer Cohen and the superlative singing and guitar-playing of Kindra Orr.

The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch made for a very enjoyable evening of theatre at Shaker. Director James Thornton, the cast, and the production crew all deserve congratulations for this production.



Dave's disc

by Dave Richman

Don't be deceived by **Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic** and **Rehumanize Yourself,** the current singles by the Police, because the rest of their new album does not follow suit.

The record begins with synthesized reggae, which wouldn't be too bad, but vocalist Sting's voice is nearly drowned out by the other instruments.

The album continues with futuristic, cosmic fluff (**Invisible Sun**) and promptly goes to attempted horn-oriented funk. Again, this is nothing visibly aggravating, but you wouldn't believe how monotonous and repetitious it is.

The only other worthwhile song is **Omegaman,** which is simply good music.

Skip **Ghost in the Machine** and listen to your electronic games. You'll get the same effect.

Shaker junior summers in Turkey

by Sallie Fine

Do you have guaranteed memories of the summer of 1981? In ten years, will you be able to relate in detail what happened in your life from the middle of June to the start of September? Madeline Murphy is one Shaker Student whose memories of those summer months won't fade like old photographs.

Madeline, presently a junior, spent last summer in Turkey as an AFS student. Madeline was placed with a rather wealthy family who lived in Istanbul during the winter and spent the summers on the Marmara Sea.

Madeline Murphy, a junior at Shaker, spent the summer in Turkey in an AFS program. PLEVIN

An average morning would consist of getting up between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and of setting up for breakfast on the patio. Breakfast was usually bread, cheese, jams, sausages, and tea. After the meal, the father would go to work or relax, the brother, age 10, would play, and Madeline and her two Turkish sisters, ages 16 and 13, would clean under the supervision of their mother.

After cleaning all morning, most of the day was spent at the docks, swimming, playing volleyball, and talking. Around 3 o'clock it would be time to set up for lunch.

By the time it was 7 o'clock, the hot water was turned back on, and everyone would freshen up for dinner. That's right! In Turkey there is no hot water 3-7 p.m. Everyone got really dressed up for dinner as Madeline reminisces, "I got very dirty looks at first when I showed up in my jeans."

After dinner, it was back to the docks, but only if their father gave his permission. In Turkey there is no question about the father being head of the household.

As far as comparing Turkish girls to those in the States, Madeline says they're more protected and reserved than American girls, "They command respect from boys their age, and they get it."

Addison leads survival trip

by Susan Jacobson

"Survival is the name of the game" was the attitude of the Shaker Hts. students who particpated in a Nov. 13-15 survival trip. The trip was sponsored by Mr. John Addison, advisor for Push-Excel, who accompanied the 11 Shaker High students and five Byron students on the trip.

Students spent two nights "under the stars" and cooked their own meals. During the day students took part in such outdoor activities as hiking and repelling (climbing down a cliff).

Mr. Addison commented, "I thought the trip was highly enjoyable. Along with this, it also put students in a position where they learned to work together. In order to successfully complete the activities we particpated in, group cooperation was a necessity. Students learned more about one another and their skills and also gained new respect for one another."

This year's survival trip is the first of its kind at Shaker. Mr. Addison, who hopes to continue this, said, "There is a possibility of another trip in the spring with teachers and parents, if there is enough interest."

Junior Penny Lewis, who went on the trip, said "The trip was very exciting like I thought it would be. All in all, I thought it was a nice experience and a lot of fun."

Aurelia Gamble is another junior who also went on the trip. "The trip was a lot of fun, and I gained a lot from the experience," she said.

Anyone interested in planning or participating in another trip should contact Mr. Addison in room 231.

Eight foreign students spend year at Shaker

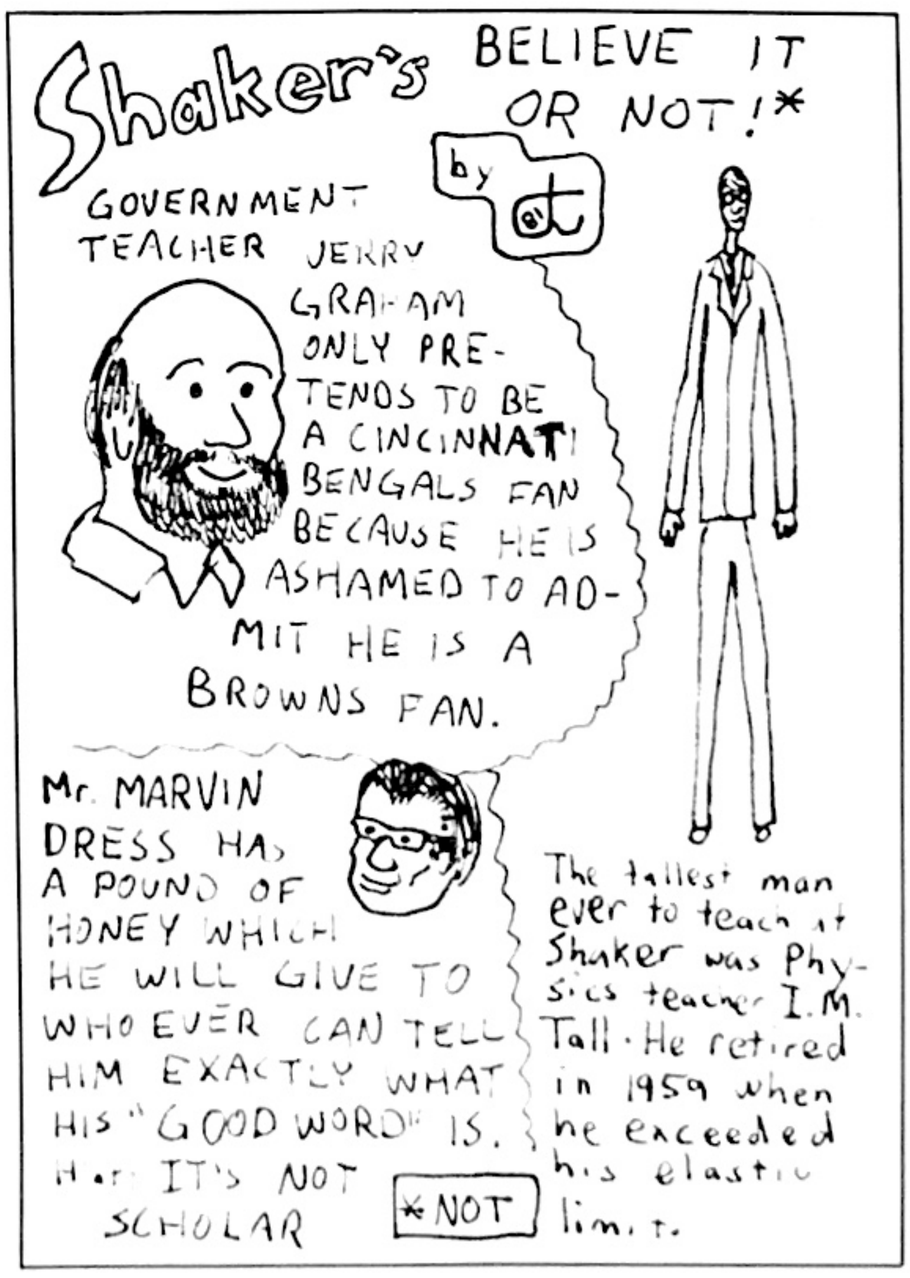
by Kenya Perry

This year, Shaker is host to eight foreign students. They are: Winfried Weigel from West Germany and Lars Herlitz from Sweden, who are both here on private exchanges; Wei-Ning Giang from China, who is staying with friends; Pankaj Gupta from India; Judith Osvath from Romania; Markus Ahomen from Finland; Francois Escaig from France; and Ameen Gettner from Iran, all of wnom are here with family members.

Naturally, the students have noted many differences between the United States and their own countries. "In West Germany there is not as much television," says Winfried. Americans seem to spend far more time and money on television than do Germans. According to Lars, the lack of commercials and good movies have rendered Swedish television "worthless." Wei-Ning says that one drawback to life in America is that "people just don't care. In China, people help each other out."

Others don't necessarily hold favorable opinions of America. Both Ameen and Winfried say that their countries are strongly opposed to some aspects of American policies. Lars says that Americans "live it up, get fat, and have heart attacks."

However, Wei-Ning says that she likes the freedom that American students are given.


Shaker's BELIEVE IT OR NOT!*
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The tallest man ever to teach at Shaker was Physics teacher I.M. Tall. He retired in 1959 when he exceeded his elastic limit.

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Andy Straffon works the puck down the ice.

Injuries mar icers' start

by Dan Rosenbaum

The Shaker Red Raiders, defending state hockey champions of 1981, opened their season with a pair of victories. They defeated Normandy at Thornton Park, 9-2 (Nov. 21) and had a hard-fought win over St. Edwards, 5-3 (Nov. 22). These two games may have been costly ones, however, as the Raiders lost two key players to injury.

Doug Hicks suffered a chip fracture of his ankle in the opener against Normandy, and Mark Genger separated his shoulder the very next day in the St. Edwards clash. Mr. Mike Bartley, coach of the icers, hopes to have both players healthy and ready to return in early January for the second half of the season.

These untimely injuries will force the Raiders to mature earlier than Mr. Bartley had planned. He commented, "This year's squad had plenty of depth, and I'm confident that the others can pick up the slack and do the job." He added, "I'm impressed with the playing of some of the younger guys, and at least they will be able to get some more experience because of the injuries."

Mr. Bartley was impressed with the Raiders' statistics from the first two games. Leading Shaker over Normandy was Mark Spring with a hat trick, with Genger adding a goal and four assists. Andy Straffon had a pair of goals, while Kevin Mallin chipped in a goal and a pair of assists. Bob O'Sickey also scored a goal, and John Small added a goal and an assist. Adam Siegel and Geoff Schenkel shared the goaltending, with Siegel making 12 saves in two periods, while Schenkel had three saves in the final period.

At St. Edwards, Spring paced the Raiders with two goals and one assist. Genger, Small, and Brian Tuffin all contributed one goal in the victory. Siegel went the distance at goalie and had 34 saves.

On the weekend of Nov. 27-29, Shaker competed in its first tournament of the season at the Miami University Invitational in Oxford, Ohio. The Raiders tied North Olmsted in the first game 4-4, defeated Centerville in the next game 3-0, and then lost to a tough team from Carmel, Indiana, 12-3. Final statistics from these three games show Small with three goals, Andy Liutkus with two goals, Mallin with a goal and four assists, David Heller with a goal and two assists, Tuffin with a goal and an assist, and Bill Baranyk and Bryan Pappas with one goal apiece. Siegel surrendered 12 goals but made 84 saves, and Schenkel allowed 4 goals to pass and made 13 saves.

Girls win first game

by Eleanor Nagy

Shaker's Raiderettes are off to a good start this winter, as both the Varsity and JV Girls' Basketball teams defeated Regina, 52-44 and 31-22 on Nov. 24.

Leading the girls in scoring was 5'8" junior Denean Nash with 16 points, making eight out of 17 field goals for an outstanding accuracy of 47 percent. Senior co-captains Shirl Chambers and Darnella Floyd, a transfer from John Marshall *High School this year, were second in points, with each* chipping in 11. Sue Reiner, the only sophomore on the Varsity team, starting at off-guard, was good for 10 points, and Cheryl Caldwell scored four.

Overall, Mark Leimsieder, coach of the roundballers, was pleased with the girls' play, commenting, "We had no foul trouble, (the Raiders had 10 fouls throughout the game) and the girls played a strong 2-1-2 zone defense that enabled us to keep Regina's shooting to a minimum." Leimsieder was also pleased with Shaker's rebounding and shooting. The Raiders had 39 rebounds, averaging 10 per quarter, and made 25 out of 64 baskets from the floor for an excellent 39 percent. The girls also had five steals and six assists.

However, Leimsieder also had some criticisms of the game. The roundballers were 6-12 at the foul line for an accuracy of 50 percent. They had 21 turnovers, "far too many," in the coach's words. Leimsieder commented, "I would like to see our foul shooting improve to around 57 percent. Also, our starting five players were the only ones to score this game. I hope we will see others putting points on the board soon."

This year's team is smaller than Leimsieder had anticipated. He explained, "I know there are girls walking around the halls out there that can play basketball, but for some reason, they never came out. However, everyone that tried out for the team, made it."

In closing, Leimsieder stated, "I don't want to predict anything about our season; if I am optimistic, the players are pressured to win, and if I don't say anything very good, they are mad at me and get discouraged. The season won't end if we lose a game. We just want to be as prepared as possible, and do the best we can."

Shaker senior looks at skating future

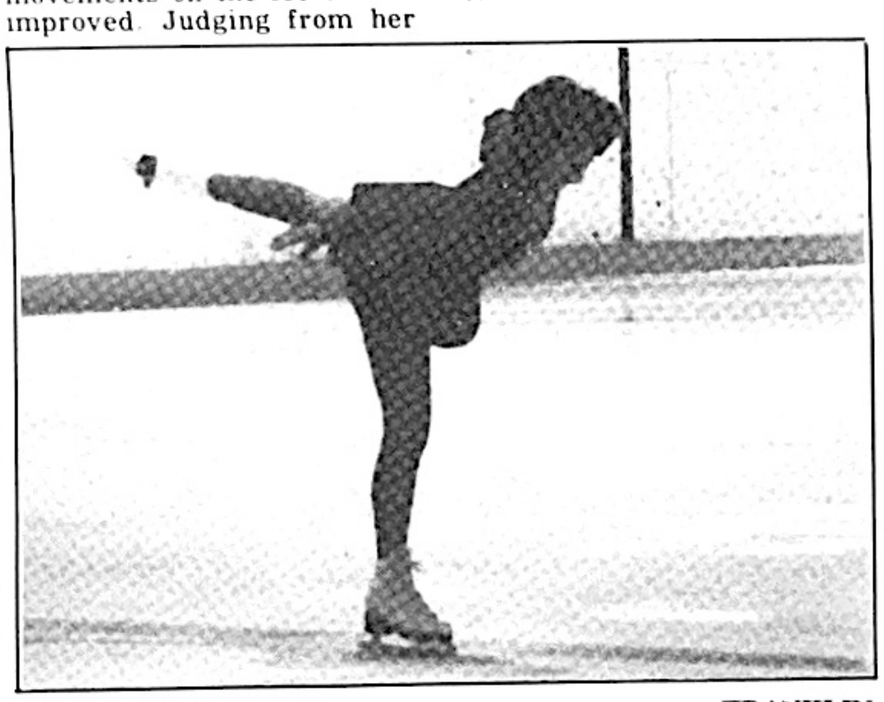
by Gillian Robinson

Shaker senior LeeAnne Metzger, an up and coming figure skating star, has been skating competitively from the age of 12 for the Shaker Skating Club. She is currently in the Novice Ladies Division and has executed excellent skating skills which have honored her with such awards as: first in the women's preliminary (1977), two third places in the intermediate singles (1980), and a second place in the intermediate singles (1981).

LeeAnne's schedule is hectic. She skates from 6-8 a.m., six days per week, for 12 months per year. She also studies ballet on Mondays so that her graceful movements on the ice can be improved. Judging from her schedule, which requires her to be in bed by 8:30 p.m. on week nights, she has very little time for socializing; Friday nights are, therefore, reserved for this activity.

LeeAnne started skating for fun with a friend who lived nearby and then took her first lesson from Ms. Peoples at Thornton Park Recreation Center. She is currently being instructed by Carol Gattie, and she has done so for the past two years. When asked about her future plans, LeeAnne responded, "I plan to skate this summer and work on passing my fifth figure test." The figure tests determine one's level of progress. There are eight tests which one can take, and after passing all levels, olympic competition could be next.

When LeeAnne graduates, she plans to attend college at either Kent State or the University of Cincinnati, where she plans to continue figure skating.



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LeeAnne Metzger: poetry on skates.

JV has high 'hoops'

by Steve Charnas

The 1981-1982 J.V. Basketball team, under the instruction of Coach Charles Richards, opened its season Nov. 25 with a victory over Warrensville. This was the first of a 20-game schedule.

Coach Richards commented, "The team has prepared well for the season and looks pretty strong. We need to improve somewhat on our defensive game and work on rebounding." He added, "We're working hard in practices to improve skills and 'patch up' our weaknesses." Each of the past ten years, except for one, was a winning season, so hopes are high for this tradition to continue.

The team practices after the varsity team each afternoon from 5:30-7:00 pm. Coach Richards has been drilling the team especially hard on passing, defending against the fast break, and the full-court press. He stated, "Hopefully, the squad will learn the fundamentals of the game and just get out there and do their best."

This year's team is led by three juniors: 6'3" Everett Garden, 6'3" Doug Burry, and 6'1" Courtney Perry. The rest of the team members, all of whom are sophomores, are: Terry Allen, Tom Boylen, Chris Brown, Glenn Byers, John Correnti, Trevor Chesney, Eric Harris, Ab Igram, John Richardson, Steve Smith, Lance White, and Keith Williams.

The young hoopers follow the schedule of the varsity team, playing their games before the start of each varsity game. The J.V. squad has some experience as many members played for their junior high basketball teams.

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Swimmers make big splash

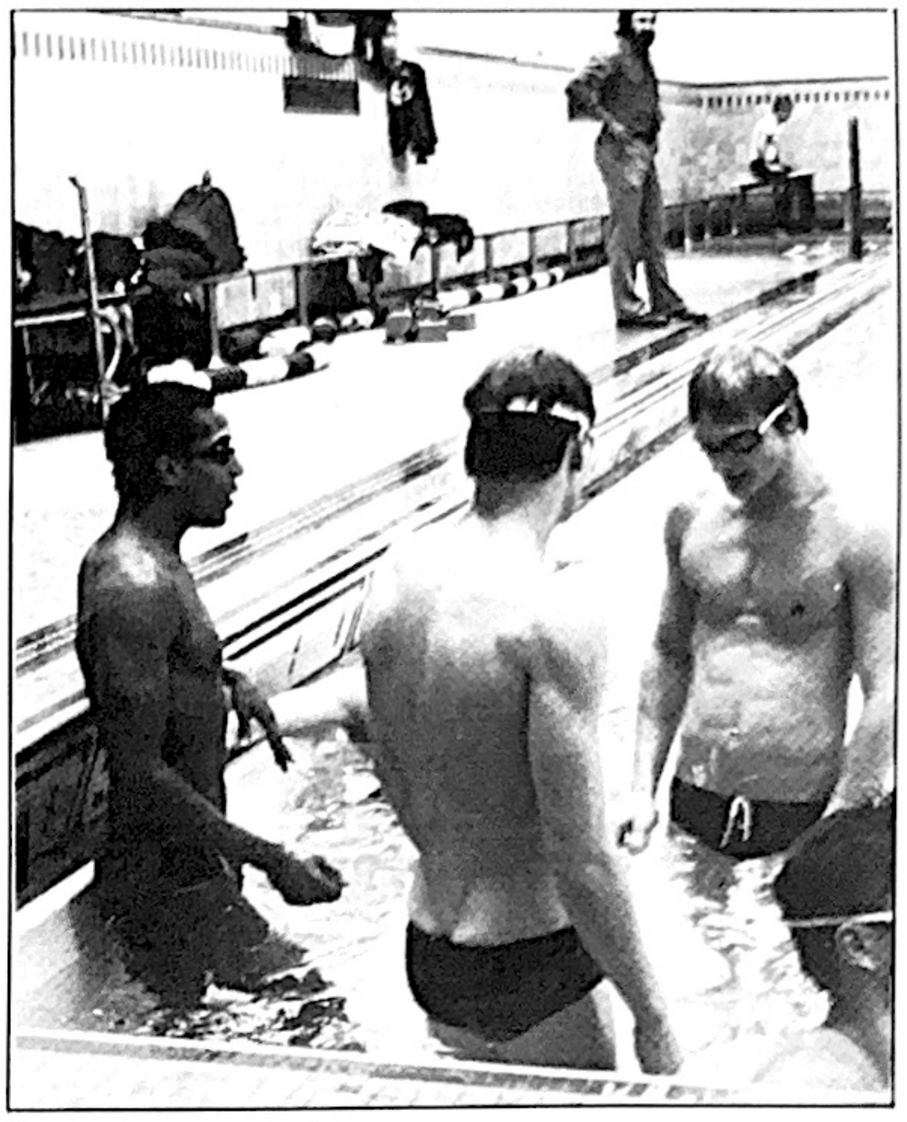
By Chris Will

Recently, members of the Shaker Varsity Swim team participated in two United States Swimming meets, in order to prepare for their regular season competition. United States Swimming is a division of the Amateur Athletic Union, and high school swimmers from all over the Mid-West competed.

The first meet was in Canton, Ohio, on Nov. 14 and 15. John Sauerland won the 50 yard freestyle, the 100 yard freestyle, and placed second in the 200 yard freestyle events. John Beesley, Scott Kiker, Gardner Goodridge, and John Sauerland put forth a superior effort and won the 200 yard freestyle relay. Then, Sauerland, Bill Watson, Beesley, and Gary Lewis teamed up to win the 400 yard freestyle relay event. Watson, Kiker, Goodridge, and Sauerland finished the day by placing second in the 400 yard medley relay event.

The next weekend, Shaker's powerful swim team participated in another meet at Cleveland State University, and continued its impressive exploits. Shaker won the 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle, 400 yard freestyle relay, and placed second in the 200 yard freestyle and 400 yard medley relay events. Shaker swimmers set a new District record in the 400 yard freestyle in the 15 and 16 year old category.

Mr. Linn, the Shaker swimming coach, was very pleased with the results of the two meets and the progress his swimmers are making. He is looking forward to a record-breaking year. Lakewood and Orange will be the toughest teams Shaker will face this year, but the team expects to have a good swim at the District title and also will try to win the LEL crown. If the U.S.S. meets are any indication of Shaker's future fortunes, it looks like a very good year for the Shaker tankers.



Gary Lewis, John Beesley, and John Sauerland take a break during practice. PLEVIN

SHARCS get ready for winter production

By Eric Hanson

The time and effort required in the preparation of a synchronized swim show are far greater than one might expect, and the Shaker Heights Aquatic Recreation Swim Club, or SHARCS, live up to this image, practicing long hours for their show.

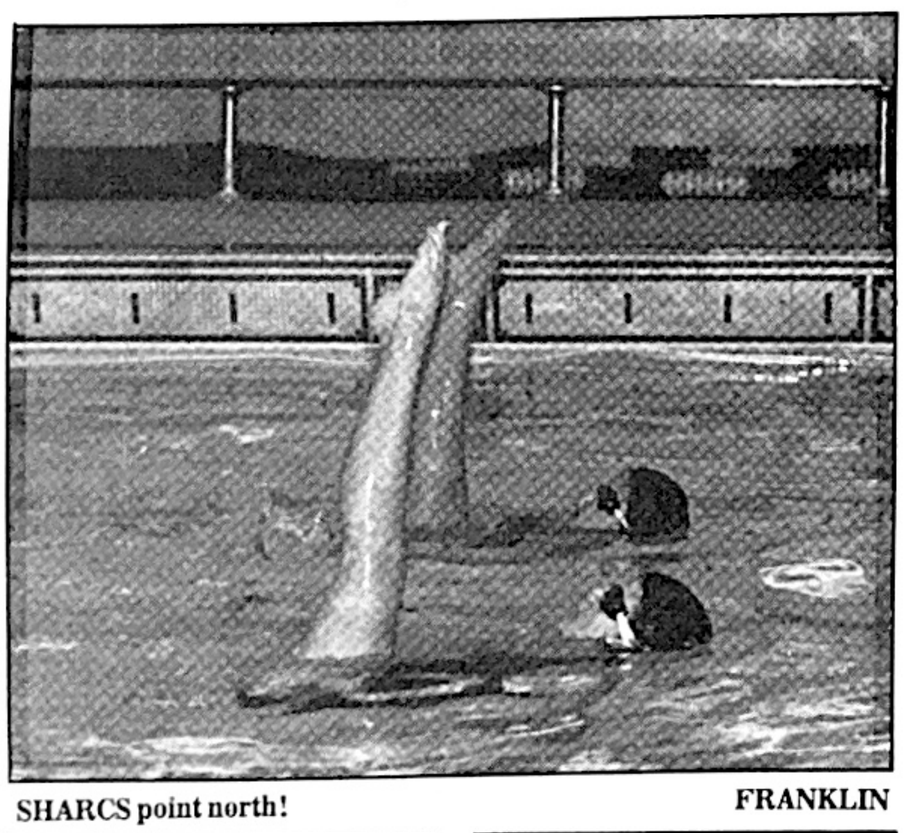
The 1981-82 SHARCS were selected in late October and immediately began preparing for their Dec. 18 show, to be performed during school hours, practicing from 6:00 to 7:30 A.M. on weekday mornings.

The girls create, write, and direct their own routines and thus are considerably independent of their supervisor, Mrs. Jody Linn. She commented, "This year the girls have good interest and are willing to put in the time necessary for their routines." She added that while the team is currently somewhat lacking in group unity, the girls have shown excellent skills in the creative writing of their routines.

The SHARCS legislative committee consists of two co-presidents and an executive board of four representatives. Co-president Shari Lefton commented, "We're constantly getting better acquainted with one another which helps the group's performance as a whole. It's a lot of work, but in the end you realize that it's worth it."

Approximately 35 girls initially tried out for the team, but through a series of skill tests, the number was narrowed down to 26. Each girl was tested in the following areas: ballet legs, somersaults, barracuda, and two optional stunts.

The members of the SHARCS are: seniors Michelle Arney (secretary), Cindy Chalabian, Diane Erickson (co-president), Gretchen Hess (treasurer), Shari Lefton (co-president), Charlene Makely, and Lisa Marec; juniors Becky Chalabian, Anne Drotning, Susan Glaser, Patti Lewis, Ann Merchant, Madeline Murphy, and Liz Weinstock (representative); and sophomores Kelly Blackwell, Christie Brown, Mimi Friedman, Lyra Ghose, Julia Haverland, Biffy Kelly, Julie Knowlton, Laura Lefton (representative), Mary Makely, Robin Mayer, Katie Towson, and Amy Weckstein.



SHARCS point north! FRANKLIN

Gacey forms promising five

By Bill McGovern

After Shaker's Varsity Basketball team finished the 1980-1981 season with a 10-10 record and a fourth place ranking in the Lake Erie League, Coach Don Gracey is rebuilding. Despite losing awesome Jim Tait, a 6'4" center, and Eric Smith, a powerful point man, to graduation, Gacey is shaping what appears to be a respectable starting five.

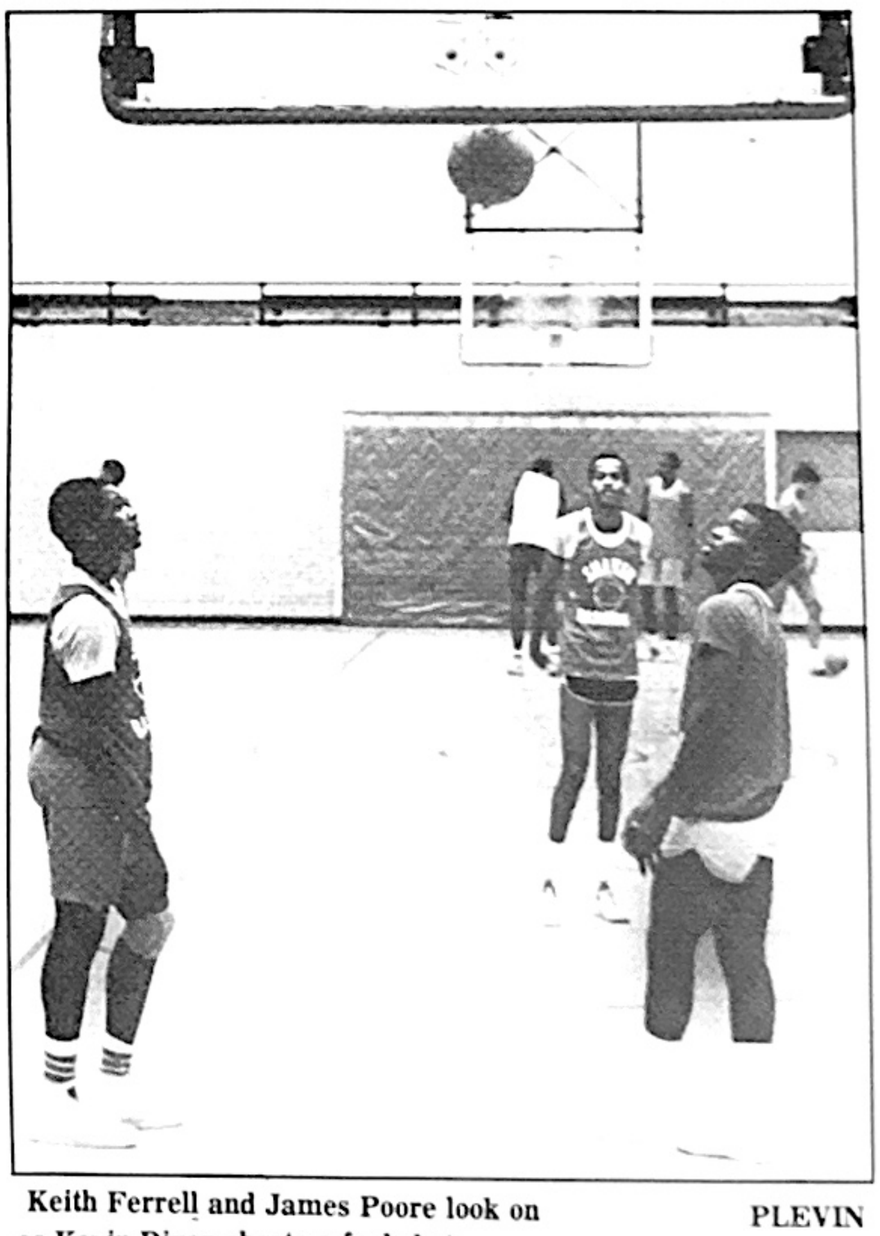
Mr. Gacey has an interesting problem; out of eight players that he feels are qualified to start, he must select five to send out on the floor for the tipoff. At this point he sees 6'4" senior Rick Harris starting at center; Randy Barnes, a 6'3" junior, will team with senior Arne Morris, also 6'3", at the forward positions. The backcourt tandem will be a pair of juniors, Chris Underwood and Keith Ferrel, both standing at 5'11".

The other three are: James Poore, a consistent 5'10" senior who also serves as co-captain along with Morris; Kevin Green, a 5'11" senior who was a big surprise, not having played since his sophomore year when he played junior varsity. This year he made the varsity squad and may soon penetrate the starting line-up, and Kevin Dixon can also provide much needed height under the boards at 6'3".

Gacey believes this team is at least as strong as last year's group, "but needs to compensate for a lack of dominating size." Coach Gacey explains, "Because we're not real big, we will try to make up for it with quickness, using the fast break along with various presses, and we will really have to concentrate on our rebounding." Expect Shaker to be primarily an outside shooting team as it will be hard to out-muscle the larger LEL teams.

The Raiders opened their season at home facing the Warrensville Tigers. After 48 minutes, the Shaker roundballers came up seven points short dropping game one by a 59-52 count. Morris led the Shaker scoring attack hitting on four from the floor and sinking 12 free throws. Underwood added 17 points, and Harris hit two from the stripe and three from the floor. Barnes and Green chipped in 5 and 2, respectively.

Trailing throughout the first half, the Raiders cut Warrensville's lead to a meager 38-36, but they weren't able to pull in front and were outscored in the last quarter, 21-16.



Keith Ferrell and James Poore look on as Kevin Dixon shoots a foul shot. PLEVIN

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